

MEETING TITLE: Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

DATE: October 14, 2004

Attendees:

Kip Baggett	Public Health Seattle & King County
Janna Bardi	DOH (Department of Health) Immunization Program Manager
Joan Baumgartner	Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)
David Bibus	Public Health Seattle & King County
Maureen Brown	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Family Physicians
(AAFP)	
Jeff Duchin	Public Health Seattle & King County
Janet Englund	Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
Maxine Hayes	DOH State Health Officer
Patty Hayes	DOH Assistant Secretary, Community and Family Health
Jan Hicks-Thomson	DOH Immunization Program
Jo Hofmann (by phone)	DOH State Epidemiologist
Lisa Jackson	Group Health Cooperative
Neil Kaneshiro	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
Donna Larsen	Snohomish Health District
Ed Marcuse	VAC Consultant
Ruth McDougall	DOH Immunization Program
Zachary Miller	VAC Consultant
Kathleen Neuzil	University of Washington School of Medicine
Riley Peters	DOH Maternal and Child Health
Carlos Quintanilla	DOH Immunization Program
Ed Steinweg	VAC Consultant
Greg Stern	Health Officer, Whatcom County Health and Human Services
Department	
Lin Watson	DOH Immunization Program

Recorder:

Claire Norby	DOH Immunization Program
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<p>Welcome and Introductions, Changes to Agenda</p> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Dr. Maxine Hayes welcomed attendees to the meeting. This was the first VAC meeting to which the general public was invited to attend.</p> <p>Maxine introduced Janna Bardi, the new Immunization Program Manager.</p> <p>Guests from DOH included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley Peters, Assessment Coordinator – Maternal and Child Health (MCH) • Ruth McDougall, Nurse Consultant – DOH Immunization Program • Deanna Whitman, DOH Communications <p>Other guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Bibus (PHSKC) • Kip Baggett (PHSKC) • Joan Baumgartner represented MAA in Carolyn Coyne's absence. • Janet Englund, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center • Kathleen Neuzil, University of Washington School of Medicine <p>Visitors included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juli Coburn, Wyeth Vaccines • Steven Frawley, Aventis Pasteur • Adrienne Conlin, Aventis Pasteur • Janet Westendorf, MedImmune, Inc. • Larry Barge, GlaxoSmithKline • Jill Nuss, GlaxoSmithKline • Kurt Stemberge, GlaxoSmithKline • Marcie Cleaver, Merck Vaccines, • Brenda Taylor, GlaxoSmithKline • Jerry Carter, Merck Vaccines • Chris Shattenkerk, GlaxoSmithKline • James Matteucci, Merck Vaccines • Cindy Smith, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department 	
<p>Conflict of Interest Policy</p> <p>Patty Hayes</p>	<p>The VAC reviewed the Conflict of Interest policy. One member noted a possible conflict.</p> <p>Handouts: WA State VAC Conflict of Interest Policy dated 1/24/02</p>	
<p>Influenza Vaccine Shortage</p> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>DOH staff will meet with local health officials after the VAC meeting to assess the influenza vaccine shortage in Washington State. Dr. Hayes pointed out that DOH is responsible for only a limited amount of the pediatric vaccine in the state. The agency does not have the power or the ability to acquire or otherwise control non-state-supplied vaccine in providers' practices.</p>	

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State Vaccine Supply, compared to the 2003-04 season Jan Hicks-Thomson	<p>Last year DOH distributed 107,000 doses of influenza vaccine. This year DOH ordered 202,000 doses. Currently, DOH has received 36,490 doses and is waiting for information regarding the balance of the order.</p> <p>DOH is reviewing CDC's prioritization of the population. Details will emerge as more information is received.</p> <p>Handouts: Department of Health Immunization Program Updates</p>	<p>As of the week of Nov. 15, DOH had received 128,670 doses of pediatric influenza, and distributed 90,050. This includes 9,170 doses of preservative-free vaccine for infants 6-23 months. DOH expects more vaccine in the coming weeks and will ship to local health jurisdictions as it is received.</p>
Expected Vaccine Need Riley Peters	<p>DOH is in the process of estimating the numbers of residents in Washington State for each high-risk group.</p> <p>Some estimates rely on surveys that may or may not apply well in Washington State. The range of needed doses can vary significantly. DOH is continuing to review these estimates.</p> <p>Jeff Duchin reported that King County has about 500,000 individuals in the high-risk category.</p> <p>Greg Stern reported that Whatcom County has about 40,000 individuals in the high-risk category.</p> <p>Comments from committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VAC should put it's energies into ensuring that high-risk people get the vaccine. • DOH distributes pediatric vaccine to local health jurisdictions, which in turn distributes to healthcare providers. In a shortage situation, non-VFC children cannot be treated differently than VFC children. 	
Disease Activity Jo Hofmann	<p>Pierce County: One case of influenza A in a traveler Whitman County: Laboratory results pending on a suspected case Whidbey Island: Two pending cases from the Naval Base. Nothing reported from bordering states or British Columbia.</p> <p>CDC will post their first update on influenza this Friday on its website.</p>	
Comments from Drs. Englund, Neuzil, and Marcuse	<p>The determination by the ACIP to prioritize certain groups for influenza vaccination is based on science. , Sub-prioritization will not be done.</p> <p>Janet Englund said that anti-virals work, but are not practical for mass prophylaxis. They may work well for institutional outbreaks, but are not a good choice for the general population.</p> <p>Dr. Englund noted the importance of immunizing healthcare workers, particularly in pediatric settings. The concern is that</p>	

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	<p>office staff can easily infect young at-risk patients.</p> <p>Ed Marcuse said that public health priorities are different from individual priorities. There needs to be guidance from the state to address the overall priority. One thing that might guide us is to have some breakdown of the numbers so that we might be able to make some shifts. The priority should be based on mortality and morbidity. It comes down to the size of the group and the risk of mortality.</p> <p>Maxine Hayes asked if the Committee was ready to formally advise DOH on influenza vaccine prioritization.</p> <p>Ed Marcuse proposed that the Vaccine Advisory Committee recommend that state and local Health Officers in Washington State use all appropriate means within their authority to assure that the limited supply of influenza vaccine in Washington State is used according to ACIP recommendations. The proposal was seconded. Discussion followed. The proposal passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Marcuse recommended that Health Officers put out orders in accordance with ACIP recommendations.</p> <p>Ed Marcuse proposed that DOH establish guidance for implementation of the ACIP recommendations. Discussion followed. The proposal was tabled.</p> <p>On the subject of vaccine price gouging, Lin Watson asked the group to notify DOH of incidents. DOH will forward that information to the Attorney General and CDC.</p>	
<p>Other states' sub-prioritization plans Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Maxine Hayes asked the VAC to review the handout documenting other states' policy responses to the influenza vaccine shortage.</p> <p>Handouts: Other States' Policy to the Influenza Vaccine Shortage</p>	
<p>Discussion: Sub-prioritization in Washington State Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Patty Hayes asked the VAC to set aside the prioritization issue due to a lack of consensus. She asked instead that the VAC clarify interim guidelines now for influenza vaccine, and then when the ACIP guidelines come out, they would take precedence and be sent out.</p> <p>Janet Englund proposed that anti-viral prophylaxis should be considered to prevent transmission in high risk settings</p> <p>Ed Marcuse proposed that DOH put together a small sub-group committee to include public health, pediatric and adult infectious disease for interim guidance for the implementation of the ACIP guidelines. Jeff Duchin, Donna Larsen, Janet Englund, Neil Kaneshiro, Lisa Jackson, Kathleen Neuzil, Greg Stern and Ed Marcuse volunteered to be on a committee to discuss the anti-viral prophylaxis and look at the ACIP guidelines.</p>	<p>The sub-committee developed an interim guidance to accompany the ACIP guidelines. It was shared with Local Health and other stakeholders and posted to the Immunization Program website.</p>

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Visitors – Open Microphone Maxine Hayes	<p>Cindy Smith, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, said that her community and vaccine providers are asking for a decision about who should get influenza vaccine. She asked for DOH guidance. She said that her health department is putting out information about influenza and respiratory courtesy on their web site. Cindy would like to make a proposal that the VAC give guidance about the distribution of influenza vaccine.</p> <p>Chris Shattenkerk, GlaxoSmithKline, thanked DOH for letting visitors attend the VAC meeting. He asked that the VAC continue to consider combination vaccines. Chris went on to briefly list the advantages of utilizing combination vaccines.</p> <p>Marcie Cleaver, Merck Vaccines, thanked the VAC for allowing visitors and reminded the group that there is no shortage of pneumonia vaccine. She would also like to know the results of the Board of Health's decision on school and childcare entry requirements.</p> <p>Cindy Smith, Tacoma-Pierce County, asked that the VAC keep in mind that not all combination vaccines integrate well into the schedule</p>	
Additional Agenda Items Patty Hayes	There were no additional agenda items.	